(1) what all contracts were entered into with Mr. Koolappa Ravuthar by the Forest Department, and

(2) whether he has settled all his accounts and paid the amount?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) There is no contractor in the Department with the name referred to.

(2) No reply is necessary in view of the answer to (1).

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there not a contractor by the name of Sait Muhammed Ravuthar?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—He is generally called Koolappa Ravuthar. Then why do the Government say that there is no contractor with such a name?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Such a name is not found in the records.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—You admit that there is a contractor by the name of Koolappa Ravuthar.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—That name is not officially recognised in any of the contracts.

Overhauling of the Tramway.

122. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state what amount was spent for overhauling the Tramway and for purchase of new plant and machinery for the same during the years 1101, 1102 and 1103?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Vide statement, appended (*Appendix II*).

Renewal of Sleepers in the Tramway.

123. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Can the Government kindly give information (a) as to the average percentage of renewal of sleepers per year in the Shoranur-Cochin Railway and what is the average percentage of such renewal over the Tramway;

(b) whether the renewal of the sleepers over the Tramway is done by contractors or departmentally?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—

(a) (1) Government have no information.

(2) 152 sleepers per annum per mile.

(b) Renewal works are attended to departmentally by the Permanent Way Gangs without extra cost.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Did the Government make enquiries as to the percentage in the Cochin-Shoranur Railway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I do not think.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—So no enquiry was made.

Sawing Department of the Tramway.

124. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state what was the out-turn from the sawing department of the Tramway workshop, per day on an average in 1102?

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Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.— The average out-turn from the sawing department of the Tramway workshop per day on an average in 1102 was 40 c. ft.

Future Management of the Tramway.

125. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Government have any idea of placing the Tramway under the administrative control of another Department or officer by separating the administrative from the engineering section of the Tramway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—None at present.

Mr.C. J. Mathew.—When was it decided to extend the Tramway to another year? Was this question thought of at all? Was this question considered ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I have no information about it.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It was not considered.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—What would be the difficulty to consider this question?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I cannot say.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is a matter of opinion.

Construction of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur ferry.

126. Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(a) whether the Government have sanctioned the construction of a bridge over the Vaduthala-Chittur ferry;

(b) if so, when was the construction sanctioned;

(c) what is the amount estimated for the work;

(d) how long has the said ferry been in existence;

(e) what is the approximate amount collected by the Government by farming out the ferry for the last 10 years?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) No regular estimate has been prepared. On a rough calculation the cost of the work was reported to be Rs. 45,000.

(d) The ferry has been in existence from a very long time past.

(e) The approximate amount of rent collected by farming out the ferry for the last 10 years was Rs. 4,012 as detailed below:—

	Rs.		Rs.
1103	400	1098	415
1102	450	1097	436
1101	480	1096	400
1100	400	1095	350
1099	500	1094	181

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